

FAMOUS WOMEN LAWYERS OF AMERICA

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It is twenty-eight years since Belva Lockwood made her famous fight for the admission of women to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States, and, strangely enough, just twenty-eight women have been admitted to practice, the last being Miss Ida M. Moyers, of Washington, D. C., who was presented to the high bar last April. When it is realized that more than

15,000 men have been privileged to appear before that august body, the small number of women who have realized their ambition is brought into sharp contrast, and these twenty-eight women, three of whom have since died, represent the brains of the women lawyers in the United States, of whom there are less than a thousand practicing law today. The twenty-eight women ad-

mitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States, with their residence and date of admission, follows:

Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood, Washington, D. C., March 3, 1879.
Mrs. Laura DeForce Gordon, California, February 2, 1885.
Mrs. Ada M. Bittenbender, Lincoln, Neb., October 15, 1888.
Mrs. Carrie Burnham Kilgore, Philadelphia, Pa., January 8, 1890.

Mrs. Clara Shortridge Foltz, San Diego, California, March 4, 1890.
Mrs. Lella Robinson Sawtelle, Boston, Mass., April 8, 1890.
Miss Emma H. Gillett, Washington, D. C., April 8, 1890.
Mrs. Kate Kane Rossi, Chicago, Ill., May 18, 1890.
Mrs. Marilla M. Ricker, Washington, D. C., May 11, 1891.
Mrs. Myra Bradwell, Chicago, Ill., March 28, 1892.

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